

Panama Canal Regulations

§ 123.7

DELTA—Any changes in the vessel's name, country of registry, structure or use of tanks that have occurred since the vessel last called in Panama Canal waters.

ECHO—Will the vessel dock at Balboa or Cristobal? What is the reason for docking? If it is for cargo operations, fuel or water, give the tonnage involved in each case. Is there any other reason the vessel will not be ready to transit upon arrival? What is the reason?

FOXTROT—The nature and tonnage of any deck cargo.

GOLF—If the vessel is carrying any explosives or bulk dangerous cargoes, as classified in §113.3, state the technical name, quantity (in long tons), United Nations number, the International Maritime Organization class and division (include compatibility group for explosives only), and the stowage for each dangerous cargo carried. If the vessel is a tanker in ballast condition and not gas free, state the technical name, United Nations number and the International Maritime Organization class and division of the previously carried cargo. Tankers reporting "GOLF:NEGAT" shall, in addition, state the technical names of non-dangerous cargoes carried.

HOTEL—If the vessel is carrying any packaged dangerous goods, as specified in §113.3, other than explosives, state the International Maritime Organization class and division and the total quantity (in long tons) within each class.

INDIA—Quarantine and immigration information:

- (1) Is radio pratique desired?
- (2) State the ports at which the vessel has called within 15 days preceeding its arrival at the Canal.
- (3) State all cases of communicable disease aboard and the nature of the disease or diseases, if known.
- (4) The number of deaths which have occurred since departure from the last port and the cause of each death, if known.
- (5) The number of passengers disembarking and their port of disembarkation.
- (6) The number and ports of origin of any stowaway and a brief description of the identity papers of each stowaway.
- (7) The number, kind and country of origin of any animals aboard. Are any animals to be landed?
- (8) The country of origin of all meat, whether carried as cargo or as ship's stores.
- (9) Has the vessel called at a port in any country infected with foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest during its present voyage? Countries considered to be infected are:
 - (a) All countries east of the 30th meridian west longitude and west of the international date line, except Australia, Channel Islands, Fiji, Greenland, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Republic of Ireland;
 - (b) All countries of South America;

(c) Curacao (the leeward islands of the Netherlands Antilles);

(d) Martinique;

(e) Cuba;

(f) Guadeloupe.

(10) Specify whether the vessel has a valid deratting certificate or a deratting exemption certificate issued 180 days prior to arrival.

(b) The following additional information shall be transmitted via radio to Transit Operations Division from all vessels as applicable:

(1) Vessels approaching from the Pacific shall report actual time of passing Cape Mala, or the latitude of Cape Mala, and the vessel's speed.

(2) Vessels approaching from the Atlantic shall report 12 hours prior to arrival at Cristobal any change of one hour or more in the expected time of arrival.

(3) Any other matters of importance and interest.

(c) Timely receipt of the above information will facilitate the transit or docking of arriving vessels. Failure to comply with these reporting requirements may subject a vessel to delay since vessels which do comply will receive priority of service and handling over those which do not.

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§ 123.5 Radio communication between vessels in Canal waters and other vessels or places.

Except for emergency traffic and routine bridge-to-bridge VHF communication, no vessel in transit through the Canal shall communicate by radio with any other vessel or shore station, local or distant. This restriction shall not apply to government vessels of the United States or of the Republic of Panama.

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§ 123.7 Operator on board during transit.

All vessels equipped with radio shall have a qualified radio operator on board, available to operate the radio